of the excavation of a channel of more than 100 miles in length commanding irrigation for a large extent of land, while from the latter a channel 100 miles in length may be drawn. Both these works while being remunerative to Government will benefit the raiyats much.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Chief Engineer.

Subject No. 217.
The construction of an Anicut across the Bavali river.
Mr. Sankariah.

Summary of discussion.—The question of constructing the Bavali anicut has long been under discussion and the consent of the Madras Government was also asked for. But the question has not yet been settled. The anicut will prove very remunerative to Government and improve the condition of the raiyats of Entahalli and other villages, some of whom have migrated to Malabar. The subject may be given consideration at the earliest convenience, and a special officer detailed for the purpose.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Chief Engineer.

Subject No. 218.
Construction of an Anicut near Kottanhalli across the Taraka river.
Mr. Sankariah.

Summary of discussion.—It has been repeatedly brought to notice that water difficulty is experienced at Heggaddevankote Kasba during the hot season. This can be easily remedied by the restoration of the Kottanahalli anicut across the Taraka river, which, in addition to increasing the wet cultivation in the taluk, will give the town of Heggaddevankote a good water-supply from the Singasamudra tank, which can be fed by the proposed work. It was once reported that the water of the Taraka river was unhealthy, but a reference to the report submitted to Government by the late Division Commissioner and the Chief Medical Officer, will show that it is otherwise. The increase between the Census figures of 1881, 1891 and 1901 of the population of the villages situated on its bank is conclusive proof of the healthiness of the water in the Taraka river.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Chief Engineer.

Subject No. 219.
District Forests.
Mr. Sankariah.

Summary of discussion.—Three-fourths of the District Forests in this taluk were included in the State Forest some eight years ago. The raiyats were then informed that the reservation would not deprive them of their privileges such as grazing the cattle in the said forests and the appropriation of wood for agricultural purposes. But the grazing of the cattle and the taking of wood for agricultural implements in the forests have since been interdicted, much to the inconvenience of the raiyat population. It is requested that the District Forests which have been taken up for the formation of the State Forest may be ordered to be thrown open as District Forests as before.

Reply of Government.—Not practicable.

Subject No. 220.
Bridging the Bhrugu and the Kapila rivers.
Mr. Sankariah.

Summary of discussion.—The construction of a bridge across the Kapila river near Sargur on the Hunsur-Begur road and another across the Bhrugu river was urged on the consideration of Government in previous meetings, as they